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**Name of Applicant, Assignee or  
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**Our File No. 10908/8**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Chris Andre Du Plessis )  
Serial No. 10/756,906 ) Examiner: Andrews  
Filing Date: January 14, 2004 )  
For RECOVERY OF BIOLEACHING ) Group Art Unit: 1742  
MICROBES )

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated December 9, 2004 for a period of two months to and including May 9, 2005.

- Applicant:

claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

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<u>Extension Months</u>	<u>Other Than Small Entity</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	One Month	\$120.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Two Months	\$450.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Three Months	\$1,020.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Four Months	\$1,590.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Five Months	\$2,160.00

**Fee Payment**

- Attached is a check for \$450.00 for the Petition fee.
- Attached is a credit card authorization form for \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the Petition fee.
- Charge Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.
- Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,



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